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Men's tennis team prepares for final matches before conference tourney.

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BOT looks ahead to Eastern's future

Board approves baseball field construction, hears TEDE review

By Joseph Ryan
Administration editor

In addition to approving the construction of a new baseball field and the revision of board regulations, the Board of Trustees was informed on the year's progress at Eastern as well as plans for the upcoming year.

“We have been very busy since my return,” Eastern President Carol Surles told BOT members at Monday's meeting.

Surles said her recent testimony in front of the Illinois House and Senate Appropriation's Committees was the first of all the other universities for the year.

“We made our case for the governor's budget recommendation,” Surles said.

Surles also addressed the faculty salary issue at Eastern by describing faculty salaries as having “lagged behind.”

In the past year, Eastern has made a “grand leap,” Surles said; however, Eastern is not at parity yet.

Surles said this means “growing pains for the university, as in budget pains.”

“We are going to have to make tough decisions and scrape to the bone, even more than we already have,” Surles said. “I'm confident we will get through 2001.”

“I don't mean to complain,” Surles said. She then indicated Eastern received the highest state funding percentage increase of any state school.

Following Surles' report, Trustee Betsy Mitchell told board members it has been great to have Surles with Eastern.

“Our previous president was not welcome at the capitol,” Mitchell said. “Surles has turned that around and is highly regarded.”

The BOT approved the construction of a new baseball stadium, which will accommodate 560 people and include a press box and concession stand.



Sara Figiel / Photo editor

Above: Jill Nilsen, vice president of external affairs, watches a clip of Mayor Dan Coughlin speaking about Eastern on a video Monday morning during the Board of Trustees Meeting in the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Top left: Julie S. Ward, sits next to Joe Crocker (left), student vice president for public affairs, during the BOT meeting. Ward was appointed as a trustee by Governor George Ryan in March.

“The construction will begin some time this summer and end this fall,” said Jeff Cooley, interim vice president for business affairs.

The \$689,634 facility will be funded with athletic game guarantees and a private donation.

The board also approved the revision of

board regulations that will change the BOT purchase approval requirements from \$100,000 and \$250,000.

“This limit pales in comparison to those of other universities,” Surles said.

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Trustees congratulate Panther basketball team on NCAA tourney run

By Joseph Ryan
Administration editor

Eastern's basketball team received high recognition from the top decision-makers of the university Monday.

The Board of Trustees acknowledged and thanked the Panther basketball team and approved a three-year contract for Rick Samuels.

The first order of business for the BOT was to meet and thank the members of Eastern's basketball team that recently won the Ohio Valley Championship.

“You have made history. You left a mark. We salute you,” Eastern President Carol Surles told the team members.

Team members were introduced, shook hands with BOT Chairman Nate Anderson and then were given a round of applause by the board and attendees. The board then watched the last eight minutes of the Ohio Valley Championship game, in which Eastern pulled up from a 21-point deficit to a one point win with the final shot.

Following the video, the BOT unanimously passed a resolution congratulating the team.

During the BOT meeting the BOT approved a three-year contract extension for Rick Samuels, head basketball coach.

Samuels has been head coach at Eastern for 21 years and the new contract extension will last until June 30, 2004. Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs, read aloud a passage from a *Sun-Times* article on the Panthers to congratulate Samuels on the team's OVC win.

The BOT also elected officers for the board. Nate Anderson was elected as BOT chair. Roger Dettro was elected as secretary and Betsy Mitchell was elected as secretary.

Board members were elected by the members of the BOT.

Student Government elections begin today

By Jeremy Pelzer
Student government editor

Polls for this year's Student Government election will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and tomorrow in Taylor Hall and the walkway of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

More inside

Student Pride party violates Election Reforms Act.

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Three parties – Alpha, Students First and Student Pride – are vying for 22 on-campus, off-campus and at-large Student Senate seats; five student dean positions; and all five executive offices, including student body president.

Also on the ballot are several

proposed amendments to the Student Government Constitution that deal with issues from allowing part-time students to run for senate to asserting students' rights.

Any Eastern student is eligible to vote, said Ronnie Deedrick, a member of the senate's election committee. All that is needed to vote is a student identification card.

However, he said, voters can only vote for senate members that would represent them, that is, only on-campus students can vote for candidates for an on-campus senate seat.

All voters are eligible to vote for executive, student dean and at-large senate candidates along with the constitutional revisions, Deedrick said.

Atglance

– Polls are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Taylor Hall and the walkway of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Student Government election candidates

The Candidates:

Student body president:

Peter Laesch — Independent
Paul Lytle — Alpha Party
Liela Morad — Student Pride
Hugh O'Hara — Students First

Student vice president for public affairs:

Rachel Foster — Alpha Party

Daryl Jones — Student Pride
Marty Ruhaak — Students First

Student vice president for financial affairs:

Jen Fanthorpe — Students First
Dwight Nelson — Student Pride

Student vice president for academic affairs:

Jessica Catto — Students First

Joe Geocaris — Alpha Party
Nina Samii — Student Pride

Student vice president for student affairs:

Megan Flichinger — Alpha Party
Alison Mormino — Student Pride
Yve Williams — Students First

*Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.

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Massages offered to relieve stress

By Jennifer Rigg
Activities editor

Students who are feeling tense from long hours of studying may be able to find relief from the professionals at The Razorz Edge.

Being stressed out is common during finals, but Michelle Drum from The Razorz Edge is prepared to massage the tension away.

The Health Education Resource Center is sponsoring a massage therapy session at 7 p.m. tonight in Andrews Hall Basement.

Barb Decausey, a Health Awareness Campaign Committee

member, said that Drum will talk about techniques for stress relief, including a lecture and demonstration.

“The last few weeks of school students get very stressed because of finals and final projects,” Decausey said. “This is our way to offer stress relief for the whole campus community.”

Drum, a registered nurse, certified massage therapist and hypnotherapist at The Razorz Edge in Charleston will be the one facilitating the workshop.

She said she will mainly be focusing on stress relief through

massage and hypnosis.

Massage therapy combined with hypnosis techniques serves as a way to deal with stress, Drum said.

“I’ll be teaching (students) how they can use these techniques in daily life,” she said. “I’ll be showing them practical techniques in self massage and self hypnosis that are not visually noticeable to others.”

Drum said she will also be giving students tips they can use to prevent long term stress, such as breathing techniques that can be done on a daily or weekly basis.



Sara Figiel / Photo editor

Lucky charm

Andy Kuntz, a sophomore marketing major, and Chris Larson, a junior history major, take their goat to the Sigma Chi intramural softball game for good luck.“He’s our good luck charm,” Larson said.

What’s on
tap?

Special events open to all students, faculty, staff and community members can be published in What’s on tap. Events limited to specific groups or organizations or regularly scheduled events can be published in CampusClips. To have your event included send details, including time, date, place and cost, to cuctds6@pen.eiu.edu or bring a written statement to 1811 Buzzard Hall.

Workshop to help students relieve the stress of final exam week

By Jennifer Rigg
Activities editor

With finals coming up, some students may be feeling a little stressed. Mark May, assistant director of academic advising and learning assistance, will facilitate a workshop that may help students study and budget their time for finals.

The workshop, a part of the 30-Minute Student Workshop Series titled Study Techniques for Finals, begins at 5 p.m. tonight and Wednesday in room 2016 of Ninth

Street Hall.

May said the first part of his workshop will discuss preparation.

“I’ll talk about test preparation with a special emphasis on preparing for comprehensive exams,” May said.

May will discuss techniques people can use when having to study large amounts of material and how to manage time, so students can study for more than one test. May said he wants to show students how to evaluate which tests are going to be most important and how to bud-

get study time.

The second part of his workshop will discuss in more detail how to prepare for each exam. Students will receive tips on studying for different kinds of tests, May said.

“I’ll also give students some techniques to use when actually taking tests,” he said.

The discussion will be framed around specific questions and comments coming from the group, May said.

“I want to get some feedback from students and give them some

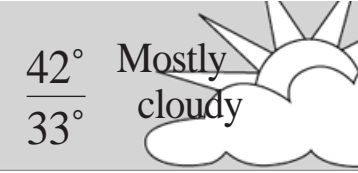
specific suggestions,” May said. “(The workshop) will be very interactive and focus on individual concerns.”

May said he hopes students will look at their current study habits and see how they’re using their time. He also wants them to look at their overall goals.

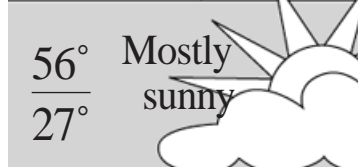
“I hope they become a little bit more reflective about the test taking process,” May said. “Mainly I want (students) to ask themselves what they are doing and how they can improve.”

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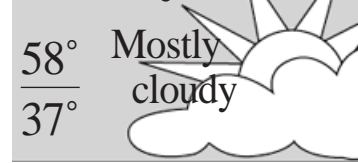
today



Wednesday



Thursday



Correction

An article in Monday’s edition of *The Daily Eastern News* incorrectly identified Quincy Jackson’s long jump distance.

The correct distance was 238 and 1/2 inches.

The News regrets the error.

police
blotter
Driving under the
influence

■ Ronald White Jr., 21, of the 1400 block of Sixth Street was cited at 1:13 a.m. April 9 at Lincoln and Roosevelt avenues for driving under the influence, a police report stated.

Today

- 7 p.m., Massage Therapy, Andrews Hall Basement.
- 5 p.m., 30-Minute Workshop Series, “Study Techniques for Finals,” Ninth Street Hall Room 2016.
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Textbook Rental Sale, Textbook Rental Service.
- 5 to 6:30 p.m., Dinner and Language, Spanish, Pemberton Hall Dining Room.

Wednesday

- 7 p.m., HERC Stress Fest, Andrews Hall Basement.
- 5 to 6:30 p.m., Dinner and A Language, German, Pemberton Hall Dining Room.
- 5 p.m., 30-Minute Workshop Series, “Study Techniques for Finals,” Ninth Street Hall Room 2016.
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Textbook Rental Sale, Textbook Rental Service.

Thursday

- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Textbook Rental Sale, Textbook Rental Service.
- 7 p.m., “Making Sense of the Holocaust,” Kansas Room, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.
- 7:30 p.m., “Building Self-Esteem,” Effingham Room., Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.
- 4 p.m., Russel Sanders poetry/essay reading, Tarble Arts Center.

Eastern decides not to follow the 'non-smoking' residence hall trend

Other colleges and universities cut down on smoking rooms available to students living in residence halls

By Karen Kirr
Campus editor

Many Midwestern colleges and universities have either cut or completely eliminated smoking rooms available to students living in residence halls to create a less hazardous environment for their campuses. Eastern has not yet followed this trend.

"We haven't taken those steps yet," said Kelly Miller, assistant director of student housing. "We have increased the number of non-smoking floors, though."

Miller said Eastern has done this to accommodate students with allergies, asthma or people who just have an adverse reaction in general to cigarette smoke.

She said this obviously means there are fewer smoking floors; however, Eastern's perspective on smoking floors is on more of a room by room basis rather than floor by floor, since not everyone necessarily smokes on a floor designated as a smoking floor.

"It is like a hotel," she said. "People have particular rooms they can smoke in. We don't promote non-smoking floors. It is really room by room. We try not to put a concentration of smokers together on one floor."

Some notable colleges include Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, which will be

“We (try) to accommodate everyone the best we can.”

Kelly Miller,
assistant director
of student housing

increasing the number of smoke-free residence halls next fall and the University of Missouri at Columbia, which is making a tentative move to ban smoking in more of its residence halls. Lincoln and Washington Universities in Missouri also took steps a couple of years ago to completely eliminate smoking in university housing.

Miller said Eastern is somewhat "caught in the middle" when it comes to allowing students to smoke in particular floors of residence halls. Eastern does not want to prohibit students from smoking, by completing disallowing them to smoke, she said.

"If that's supposed to be someone's home, we don't want to take that freedom (of smoking) away," she said.

However, Miller said if a student objects to his or her roommate

smoking in their room, the other person must oblige and not smoke in the room.

Depending on what students fill out on their housing forms distributed prior to each academic year, university housing attempts to please everyone to the best of their abilities.

"We (try) to accommodate everyone the best we can," she said.

Miller indicated university housing-officials take a liberal stance on whether to place a student in a smoking or non-smoking room. She said they are aware parents may be hovering over their child while they fill out their form to be confident their child checks off that they prefer a non-smoking room.

On the other hand, Miller said many smokers actually prefer a non-smoking room, since they have become accustomed to lighting up outside. Smokers have told her they dislike the smell of smoke that occupies their room and absorbs into their clothes otherwise, she said.

Students who provide medical documentation of their need to be isolated from smoking floors in residence halls definitely are guaranteed a non-smoking floor, she said.

"We go room by room, but we have floors that are specifically for non-smokers," Miller said.



Sara Figiel/ Photo editor

Bon appetite

LaTashia Sherrod, a junior speech communication major, serves herself a plate of food during the Recognized Service Organizations awards banquet on Monday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Sherrod said that she was just there in support of the RSOs.



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Loud and clear

It's hard getting students interested enough to vote once a year, let alone three times in a year. But once again, students have the right to exercise their civic duty and vote in the Student Government elections.

We've all seen the numbers and the stories after the presidential election and Charleston's general election that say voter turnout is not where it should be. Maybe it is understandable that people don't feel they have a connection to the president or feel isolated from the city.

Starting today and concluding Wednesday, students don't have any reason not to vote in the Student Government

Elections

Tuesday and Wednesday's Student Government election gives students a chance to have an effect on Eastern.

election. If your excuse has been that the issues don't really involve you when it comes to the presidential election and the city election, that excuse won't work this time. And you can't say

that you are not registered in Charleston, because being a student automatically gives you one vote in the Student Government election – one of the perks to being an Eastern student.

And if you say you can't make it to the polls, then you must not be going anywhere near Taylor Hall or the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union for two days, which is nearly impossible on our small campus.

By voting in the Student Government election you are directly impacting the decisions that are being made for you.

Eastern is unique in the fact that the student body president has a lot of power. The student body president's voice is heard among members of the administration, in Springfield and across the university. So why wouldn't you want to vote for the person who represents your beliefs?

The four student vice president spots and 22 open senate seats can have just as powerful an effect in being the voice of the students. These are the people in the position to make a positive change on this campus.

Students who have complaints about the university should utilize their privilege to vote. Those who do not vote should not complain because they have done little to make their voice heard.

The Student Government Elections Commission has made every attempt to make voting as accessible as possible. With two central locations and two days to cast a ballot, no excuse is acceptable.

On Election Day, let your voice be heard. Cast a ballot for the candidate who represents your interest.

■ The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Today's quote

“The mind's direction is more important than its progress.

Joseph Joubert
philosopher, 1754-1824

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Friendships don't have to fade after Eastern

I wonder how it's going to be when you don't know me,” is a lyric from a song by Third Eye Blind I used to sing my freshman year. I used to dance around in a circle like a maniac with a group of friends every time it came on.

We would belt out the words of the song, and look each other in the eyes during certain parts – as if we would always be together. I never told anyone, but to myself I always wondered how it was really going to be when we really didn't know each other anymore.

Even though it hurt to think about it, I knew that, someday, with miles, time, and mystery between us, we could grow apart. I just hoped it would never happen.

It is sad when I think about it, but it is a fact of life – some people grow apart, some grow together, and some just meet in passing, sometimes regardless of what you want.

As May approaches, even though I am not leaving, all of the familiar faces that I have seen around campus since the days of running around the halls of Carman are about to deplete in number. Their faces will fade from my mind just as mine will fade from theirs. Maybe someday in the future something will remind one of us of someone we met at Eastern.

Whether it's a song that comes on the radio on a rainy day as one of us is dropping off our kids at school that brings a tear to our eyes, or flipping through an old photo album that reminds us of our college years, one thing is for sure: one day we are destined to remember our days at Eastern.

While I was talking to a friend last night she mentioned a bit of wisdom that sort of encapsulates the whole concept of



Sara Figiel

Photo editor

“Some people grow apart, some grow together, and some just meet in passing, sometimes regardless of what you want.”

about it.

And I guess it is true. You can always keep your old friends close. Maybe not physically, but in your heart.

I saw a childhood friend yesterday. One whom I spent every day before and after school with. Who I fought with over board games and the real rules of freeze tag and hide-and-go-seek. We have almost nothing in common anymore except we both look each other in the eyes when we talk. It's almost as though we are looking for the days of our youth under our matured faces.

Each time I see her, it is for a brief moment as we mention what we are doing and go on our separate ways. But in our hearts, we will always remember the fights we got in over the boy who stayed across the street every summer and the time when we cried our eyes out when we rode the Tarantula ride at the spring carnival in Richton Park.

So when your time comes to leave Eastern, always remember that the closeness of your friends is not determined by miles or time, but rather how close you keep them in your heart.

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DEN missed point of Student Senate e-mails

Last week, the newspaper accused the Student Senate of violating law, excluding student input and has also misrepresented the senate members. What is most intriguing, though, is that in both issues of the DEN, other than the incorrect headline on the front page, was that the reporters totally missed the issue both times.

The issue the senate is discussing is how to compensate the executive officers because the current system is outdated, but the newspaper has not been doing this.

The job of the newspaper needs to

Your turn

Letters to the editor

be to cover the issues on campus through factual reporting. Lately, I have not seen this. Instead of educating others about the topic, there have been attacks on the senate and how things are run.

If you, as students, don't like something, you should speak your mind; go to the weekly meetings, including RSO Council, or talk to the senate members in the Student Activities office during office hours. If you don't go, you have no right to complain.

At last Wednesday's meeting, when

the compensation issue was discussed, there was no audience, and when the meeting closed and the idea of continuing conversation via email was brought up, not even the DEN was present.

The way that looks to me is that no one chose to be involved, so unless they requested to be, they were not.

Diana Montgomery

Junior math and chemistry major

Editor's note: DEN news editor Chris Sievers was present at the close of the meeting in question.

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Bill gives parents who pay tuition a tax break

By Amanda Berry
Staff writer

The Illinois State Senate approved legislation on April 4, sponsored by Sen. Duane Noland (R-Ill.), that allows parents who utilize a state college savings plan to deduct the contributions on their income tax forms.

Noland said the Senate Bill 902 will give families greater flexibility to save for their child's college education.

"Putting away a couple of hundred dollars each year can place a large financial burden on families, especially if they are saving for more than one child," Noland said. "This legislation puts families in a better financial situation to invest in a college savings plan."

State Representative Lou Lang said that helping students get into college is very important, but Noland's legislation isn't for everyone.

"It doesn't really help those who pay a little amount of taxes, like the lower middle class and the lower class," Lang said. "If they pay a lower amount of taxes, then they will only get a little tax break."

Lang said Senator Noland's bill is not as effective as his plan. Lang is supporting a bill that would allow

Putting away a couple of hundred dollars each year can place a large financial burden on families.

Duane Noland,
Senator of Illinois

students with a B average or better to receive free tuition to a state school or tuition assistance to a private school.

Noland was unavailable for comment on Monday.

Currently Illinois has two programs for the future education saving.

College Illinois is administered through the Illinois Assistance Commission and locks in the current year's tuition at Illinois public colleges and universities for a child's future college education.

The Bright Start program is administered through the Office of the Treasurer. It allows saved money to be used for tuition, books and supplies.

Both programs are tax exempt and students are required to pay federal taxes on earnings.



Sara Figiel / Photo editor

Senate to consider opening the judicial affairs rulings

By Jeremy Pelzer
Student government editor

Senate members will consider a motion Wednesday recommending that basic information about judicial affairs rulings on students accused of violent crimes be released to the public.

Currently, university policy states that no information may be released about the charges brought against a student accused of a violent crime, whether Judicial Affairs convicted the student of the crime, or the sentence handed down to the student.

The motion recommends that judicial affairs release the accused's name, the charge and any disciplinary action taken against the individual.

Adam Weyhaupt, speaker of the senate, said that the motion would only apply to students accused of violent crimes.

Student Body President Katie Cox said the public should know the actions the university is taking against students who commit a

violent crime. The change in policy would also help deter other student from committing violent crimes because they will realize the consequences of such actions, she said.

While discussing the legislation last week, several senate members voiced concerns with the legislation.

Many senate members wanted a definition of what constituted a "violent crime". Weyhaupt said Judicial Affairs would have to rule on the exact definition of the term.

Other senate members were worried that even if the public was told that an accused student was found innocent of a violent crime, he or she would still be considered guilty in the eyes of other students.

While that would be an unfortunate situation, Cox said, local newspapers always publish similar information about people found innocent by local and federal courts.

Dispelling beliefs

"We all do the same thing," said Kathy Bayley of Charleston. Bayley (far right) and Flora Beabout, also of Charleston, who work to secure the "Homosexual Acts" sign to a tree in the Library Quad on Monday afternoon, the first day of Lesbian Gay Bisexual Allies Union pride week. The purpose of the event is to show everyone that homosexuals are like normal people, said Leslie Thomas, a sophomore psychology major, and LGBAU co-president.

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Nationwide lung infection has yet to affect Eastern's campus

Students from 37 colleges are suspected to have histoplasmosis

By Amber Williams
City editor

A lung infection that has afflicted students nationwide after spring breaking in Mexico has not yet affected Eastern's campus.

The Center of Disease Control and Prevention sent out an alert to universities that an outbreak of histoplasmosis had occurred in Acapulco, Mexico, especially for visitors of the Calinda Beach Hotel, said Lynette Drake, director of health services.

There have not yet been any Eastern students documented with this illness yet this year, Drake said.

Histoplasmosis is a respiratory illness that affects the lungs and could be deadly, said Andre

Weltman, public health physician for the division of communicable disease epidemiology, in an e-mail. Symptoms include a high fever, muscle aches, chest pain, dry coughing and weakness.

Eastern's health service has been on the lookout for these symptoms since the alert from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Everyone has a heightened awareness about it," Drake said.

Health service can test students for histoplasmosis, but must send the tests to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and receive results in approximately two weeks.

The illness is not contagious through contact with other people, but is contracted when dirt

rich in bird and bat droppings is breathed when the soil is disturbed, Weltman said.

The infection has an incubation period of two to two and a half weeks, Weltman said. Some students did not feel the effects of the illness when they first came back to campus, but later became ill.

Students from 37 colleges and 18 states are suspected to have histoplasmosis and nearly all vacationed in Acapulco, Weltman said.

The infection may not come only from the Calinda Beach Hotel, but also from bars and nightclubs in Acapulco that had construction nearby.

The Calinda Beach Hotel has not been closed, he said.

Wildlife and health officials keep an eye out for rabies outbreak on the East Coast

BLOOMINGTON (AP) — With Illinois' raccoon population on the rise, wildlife and health officials are watching a westward-moving outbreak of rabies that could increase the number of animals carrying the virus in this state over the next few years.

Bob Bluett, a state Department of Natural Resources biologist, said skunks are historically the rabies carrier in Illinois but their numbers were decimated in an outbreak during the 1980s. He said bats have replaced skunks as the top carrier.

But raccoon numbers are increasing through a lack of natural predators and low interest among trappers because of low fur prices. That has prompted state and federal wildlife and health officials to organize a task force to monitor the East Coast outbreak, which has spread to Ohio and is continuing westward.

Bluett said rabies outbreaks sometimes ebb on their own, so there is a chance the epidemic could resolve itself.

The virus is passed from one

infected animal to another through bites. In many animals, the virus is fatal within a week.

The last case of human rabies in Illinois occurred in 1954. Last year, 22 animals — all bats — tested positive for the disease in this state.

Bluett said the best way to prevent the spread of rabies is to vaccinate pets and avoid contact with wild animals, especially if they are behaving aggressively. Domestic animals that bite must be confined for 10 days while they are observed for symptoms.

Loves Park sailor says spy plane's pilot was a hero

CHICAGO (AP) — Jeremy Crandall returned to a hero's welcome at O'Hare International Airport on Monday, but the Loves Park sailor detained 12 days in China insisted he was no hero.

He said the only hero aboard the Navy spy plane that collided with a Chinese fighter and was forced to land on Hainan island was Lt. Shane Osborn, the pilot of the American EP-3E.

"He saved 23 people's lives, plus his own," Crandall said.

But that didn't keep those around

Crandall, 20, from treating him like royalty Monday. He said the pilot of his flight to Chicago asked for his autograph. American Airlines bumped him up to first class. And when a member of the flight crew announced that Crandall was aboard the plane, the passengers erupted into applause, he said.

"It's great to come back to Illinois and see all the support," he said.

On April 1, the U.S. surveillance plane collided with a Chinese fighter jet and plunged 8,000 feet before the pilot gained

control. The spy plane made an emergency landing on Hainan island in southern China.

Crandall said his morale was good throughout the 12 days the crew was held. The 24 men and women are friends, he said, and kept each other's spirits up by playing cards, telling jokes and acting in skits.

He said the most frightening part of the incident came not when he felt the jolt of the Chinese fighter jet colliding with his plane but afterward, when he had belted himself into his seat and realized what was happening.

"I knew where I was, and that scared me," Crandall said.

Crandall refused to discuss details of his interrogation by teams of Chinese officials, and he would not say whether the crew was able to disable or destroy the sensitive machines aboard the high-tech plane.

But he was clearly happy to be home on an unexpected 30-day leave and thrilled when a reporter told him his beloved Chicago Cubs were on a five-game winning streak.

City Council to approve budget

By Amber Williams
City editor

The City Council will vote to approve the city's budget for the fiscal year 2001-2002 at today's meeting.

The City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The \$19.9 million budget creates a \$2 million deficit for the year but includes a variety of capital improvement projects for the upcoming year.

Some major improvements laid out in the budget are the upgrades to the Fourth Street Bridge, a property acquisition around Lake Charleston and improvements to the water treatment plant.

Another item to be put to a vote is an ordinance authorizing the use of Tax Increment Funds to parking improvements around the square, said City Manger Bill Riebe. Downtown parking lots A, B, E, F and H will be resurfaced and landscaped.

"What we do not get done this year we will finish up next year," Riebe said.

Also on the agenda are two

ordinances to purchase right-of-way at 714, 744 and 746 Fourth Street to facilitate construction on the Fourth Street Bridge.

As a part of the city's annual street maintenance program, the City Council will vote to make improvements to parts of VanBueren, Monroe and Jackson avenues, including streetscaping and resurfacing, Riebe said.

"We are trying to really enhance the beauty of the downtown area," Riebe said.

The City Council will vote to accept the bid of \$25,000 from American Carbon Services to replace the filter media at the water treatment plant. The city replaces the filters every year to assist with the taste and odor problem, Riebe said.

Riebe said the filters do a reasonably good job in reducing the taste and odor problem.

In other business, the City Council will consider allocating \$15,000 of Tax Increment Funds to the Charleston Tourism Committee for providing decorative and historic murals on the buildings and around the square.

Fire personnel attacked

CHICAGO (AP) — Along with a rise in calls for emergency services has come an even faster increase in the number of assaults against fire department personnel, according to officials.

Paramedics are victims of assaults at least three times a day, although only a fraction of those are being reported, according to Bob Scates of the Chicago Firefighters Union Local 2.

Most of the time, paramedics and firefighters file no charges and simply endure the abuse because they don't believe prosecutors or judges give the

attacks the attention they deserve.

"If our people take the time to go to court and the person only gets a misdemeanor, what's the point?" Scates said. "The system doesn't take these attacks seriously."

Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine is calling the charge absurd.

"Protecting these men and women from assault while they are protecting our community by pressing charges where warranted has been our policy and one of our highest priorities since I took office in 1996," Devine said.

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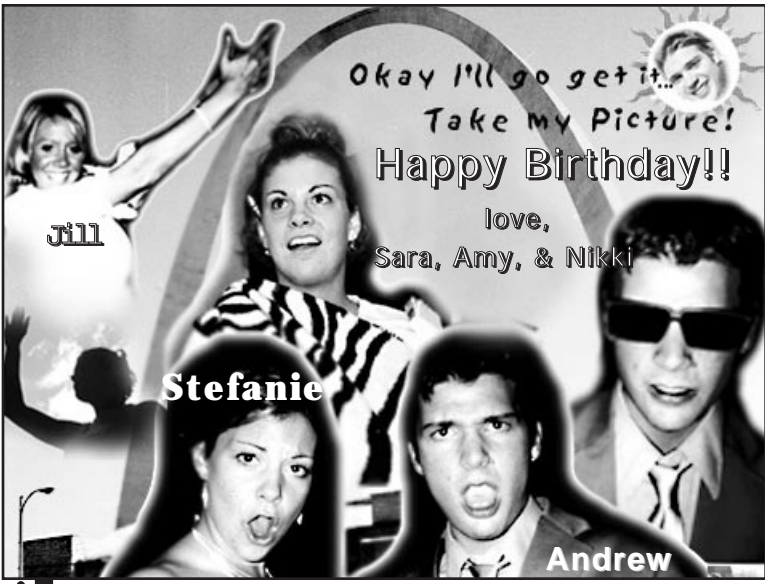
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Student Pride Party violates election law

By Jeremy Pelzer
Student government editor

The Student Pride Party violated Student Government election law by illegally posting signs in four campus buildings despite repeated warnings, said Kristen Rutter, chair of the senate's Elections Commission.

Rutter said that she found multiple Student Pride campaign signs on bulletin boards in Coleman, Carman and Klehm Halls, a violation of Title XI of the Student Senate's Elections Reform Act, passed in 1995. Student Pride signs were also found in Lumpkin Hall, which is off-limits to campaign

posters entirely under the Act.

Student Pride Party members kept the signs up even after being told twice that they were illegal, she said.

There is no penalty for the violations, Rutter said, except for bad publicity and removal of the illegal posters.

Rutter said that she was not aware of any violations made by the Alpha Party or the Students First Party.

Liela Morad, the party's candidate for student body president, had no comment on the infractions, and said that she would meet with her fellow party members to discuss the situation.

Future

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Cooley said the board will still see a report on the spending.

The BOT also heard a review of the activities of the Technology Enhanced and Delivered Education steering committee from Lida Wall, interim vice president for academic affairs.

Wall informed the board of the 60 TEDE grants that were distributed and told BOT members that as a result of those grants 15 courses will be taught online, five programs begin developing into online delivery, 21 courses will be further technologically enhanced and 14 courses will be enhanced.

Wall also discussed the three TEDE models that were presented to campus for input and said the committee is currently working on a final recommendation, the target date of which is this May.

Wall said that Blair Hall room 108 has been remodeled to serve as a temporary home for the TEDE center.

"We did not make USA Today, but I feel we did make history here at Eastern," Wall said referring to the

“Students in our offices should be treated as customers, not annoyances.”

Katie Cox,
Student body president

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work of the TEDE committee.

In addition, presentations were given by David Radavich, president of Eastern's Chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois; James Tidwell, chair of the faculty senate; and Katie Cox, student body president.

Radavich told the BOT about a bill in the General Assembly that will increase the faculty children's tuition wavier.

Currently, faculty employed by a state university for more than seven years receive a 50 percent waiver for their child's tuition. The new bill would increase the waiver to 100 percent.

Radavich said he believes the bill would help improve the poor benefits of Illinois faculty and "help recruit and retain quality faculty."

Cox informed the BOT about the

activities of the Student Action Team, which helps promote Eastern to the legislature.

"We wrote countless letters, made many, many phone calls and paid visits to numerous legislators and IBHE members on behalf of EIU," Cox said.

Cox also addressed the issue of retention saying that "a happy campus is an inviting campus, and enrollment soon will follow."

"Students in our offices should be treated as customers-not annoyances," Cox said. "Students in our classrooms could feel like their professors are happy to be here and happy to be teaching."

Tidwell informed the BOT of the recent formation of the Council of Illinois University Senates, which is comprised of faculty senate chairs from the 12 public universities in Illinois.

Tidwell also told the BOT about the recent presentations the faculty senate has heard including presentations on the digitalization of WEIU, the restructuring of the graduate school, the EIU foundation and the visit that will be held tomorrow by Keith Sanders, executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

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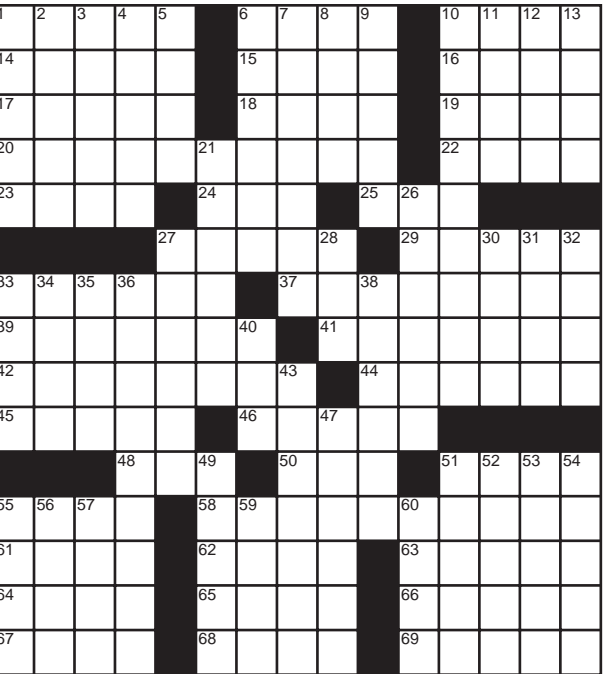
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A cautious Cincinnati lifts curfew

CINCINNATI (AP) — Promising to make police more accountable, the mayor lifted a citywide curfew Monday that helped end days of rioting over the police shooting of an unarmed black man.

“Now that the disturbances have subsided, they must never occur again,” Mayor Charles Luken said. “We have an opportunity for a new Cincinnati.”

However, the mayor did not lift a state of emergency, which allows him to impose curfews and other restrictions.

The 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew was imposed Thursday after three nights of arson, looting, attacks on white motorists and clashes with police.

Dozens of people were injured, more than 800 were arrested and arson damage was put at more than \$200,000 in the worst racial unrest in Cincinnati since the 1968 assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

The streets were mostly quiet over the weekend, and city officials had hoped to lift the curfew because it was hurting businesses. The curfew was scaled back to 11 p.m. Sunday to allow more time for Easter celebrations.

Joining Luken at a news conference were religious, business and community leaders who have been discussing ways to address underlying causes of the violence.

“If we put our heads back in the sand, that sand will once again grow hot with rage. The opportunity will be lost,” said Ross Love, speaking on behalf of black community leaders.

The Rev. Damon Lynch, a black clergyman, said the city’s black youths do not know how to channel their anger.

“They just feel like nobody’s listening,” he said. “Their anger is not just at officers, but their own black leadership. The feeling is we’re not listening, and we

have to turn that around.”

Luken said he will appoint a commission to look into solutions. Unlike previous groups, he said, the panel will be able to oversee implementation of its plans. That would require City Council approval.

The City Council planned to meet Tuesday to discuss demands by black leaders for a city ordinance allowing officials to bypass Cincinnati police officers and firefighters when hiring new chiefs.

The city charter requires chiefs to be promoted from the ranks, but black leaders say that perpetuates problems.

The 1,000-member police force is 28 percent black, the city of 311,000 is 43 percent black.

Cincinnati was sued last month by citizen groups who accused the police department of failing to end 30 years of police harassment of blacks.

Three killed in St. Louis early morning shooting

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Three men were killed and a fourth was critically wounded early Monday, all shot in the head at a home on the city’s poor, crime-ridden north side.

Police said they were looking for one man for questioning. Investigators said they did not know the motive for the shootings.

One of the men had been chased from the house and was found dead in the street about a block away. At the house, two men were found dead and another was wounded. They were in the kitchen and had been shot several times.

“This house had been shut down before for drugs,” said Wesley Thomas, a neighbor.

Terry Gwaltney, co-manager of a social service program, said the neighborhood is beset by shootings, drug dealing, prostitution and homelessness.

“I probably hear gunshots three nights a week. It’s a whole different atmosphere around here when things get dark,” he said.

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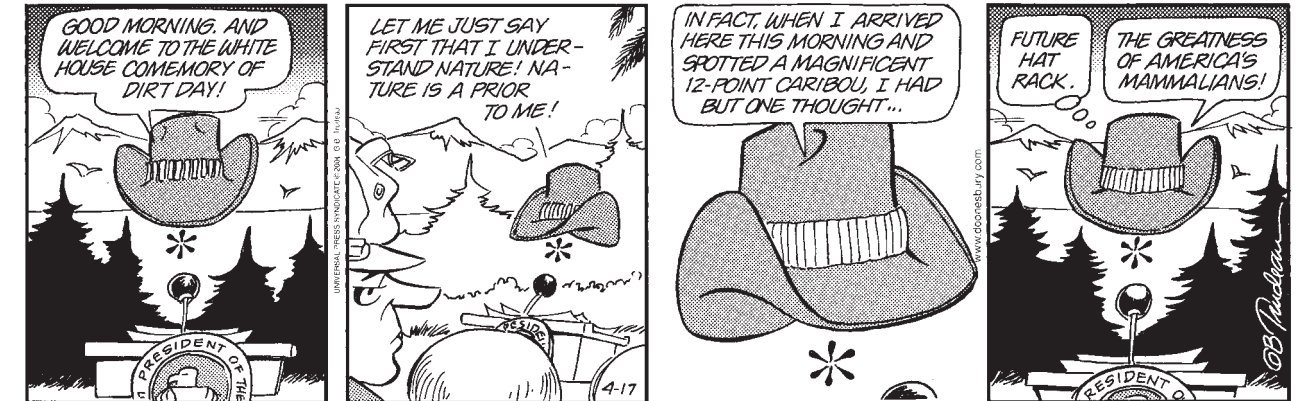
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Olivet has an overall record of 7-3, but the NAIA team is in the midst of its season, which last well into May.

Eastern looks for this final competition to provide a spark into the weekend tournament.

“I don’t think we’ve been very happy with the results of the last few matches,” Hunt said. “I think we’re a better team than we’ve shown and this gives us a chance to show how good we really are.”

While Eastern is looking at a No. 5 seed in the tournament, they have a possibility of a No. 6 position and the Panthers must be ready.

“We have a chance to play Murray or Morehead, but I’d rather play Murray,” Hunt said. “I think we know we can beat either of those teams, but I’d rather play Murray because they only have five players.”

Eastern enters the conference with a 2-2 record after canceling competition against Tennessee Tech. Tech holds a perfect performance this season with a 4-0 record, not playing Eastern or Morehead because of a rainout Sunday.

“We match up with everyone in the conference except Tech, who we haven’t seen – it’s a disadvantage,” Hunt said. “We just have to be in the right frame of mind.”

Martin holds a 5-1 record to sit hear the top of the league while Morehead (4-2) and Murray (3-2) are close behind. Martin will face Austin Peay (3-3) today for its final match of the season.



Bill Ruthhart/Staff photographer

Eastern tennis player Brandon Blankenbaker returns a shot in a match earlier this season. The men's team will begin play in the OVC Tournament this weekend.

Women

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“Valparaiso is a very young team that is very strong at the top of their line-up at 1-3, so they’re a very competitive team,” Hunt said. “They’re not as strong in the lower part of the line-up, so hopefully we’ll knock off some at the lower spots.”

While Valparaiso is the final match of

the regular season, it will be a key match in preparing for the tournament this weekend.

“We would like to come out with a win and have confidence going into the tournament,” Hunt said.

“Wins bring confidence.”

While the official seeds of the OVC tournament are not announced until Wednesday, Murray State holds the top position in the with a 7-1 record. Having recently lost to the Racers 4-3, the Panthers are eager for the tournament competition.

“The last couple of conference matches

where we lost to Murray and Morehead 4-3, those matches show us we can compete with anyone in the conference,” Hunt said. “We’re still very young and we don’t have the experience of knocking off those teams yet, but we’re getting there.

“These last few matches have shown us we can compete with anyone.”

Tennessee Tech (5-1) joins Murray at the top of the league after two canceled matches against Eastern and Morehead while Tennessee-Martin also joins these teams with a 6-1 record.

“It’s pretty likely we’ll see a No 7 seed,” Hunt said. “There are four teams bouncing around for first with Tech, Martin and Murray and Austin Peay (5-2) just one game out.”

In the middle of those teams, Eastern (2-4) is mixed in with Morehead (3-4) and Eastern Kentucky (2-4) with Southeast Missouri (0-7) and Tennessee State (0-6) at the bottom.

“We’re not going to look at ourselves as underdogs,” Hunt said. “We already played Murray to 4-3 – we can play with anyone.”

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Senior third baseman Chris Martin follows through on a swing in a game earlier this season. Eastern travels to Champaign to take on Illinoi tonight at 6:30. The Panthers defeated the Fighting Illini last year at home, 1-0.

Eastern travels to U of I

Baseball team takes on Illini at 6:30 p.m. in Champaign

By Anthony Braviere
Staff writer

Eastern will look to extend its winning streak to five games when it travels to Champaign to take on the University of Illinois today. Last season the Panthers, who are 20-13 overall and 11-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference after sweeping Austin Peay this past week, beat the Illini 1-0. And while Eastern has had some past success against the University of Illinois winning five of the past seven games against the Illini, Eastern manager Jim Schmitz said that his team can't think about that and do their own thing.

"We will look at some of the things that they have done this season," Schmitz said.

"Our team has to go out and worry about what we do, and not worry about what happened last year.

"Sure we have had some success against them in the past, but we have to pay attention to the game against them this season, and I think our guys have done a good job of paying attention to that this season."

The Illini, who have a 19-18 overall record and a 7-8 record in the Big Ten, have struggled as of late, losing three of their last five splitting two with Iowa this past weekend and losing 12-8 last week to Eastern's common opponent

Indiana State.

"We don't look at common opponents too much," Schmitz said.

"A lot of teams approach mid-week games different ways. Some teams throw their number one pitcher in the middle of the week. So we just have to go out and play our game."

Sophomore Jared Marshall will be the mid-week pitcher against the University of Illinois tonight at 6:30, and the Panthers skipper feels that this could be a chance for his right-hander to establish himself for the conference tournament.

"It will be good to get Jared another start," Schmitz said.

"He has had some good starts in the past couple of weeks, and hopefully he'll get about five to six innings and put himself into the position of being that fourth guy."

One of things that Schmitz says will be a key for a victory for his team is getting to the Illini pitching staff.

The University of Illinois pitching staff, which has a team ERA of 5.81, has had some injuries, and are just now starting to come around.

"I think they are healthier than they have been in the past," Schmitz said.

"A lot of teams are past the half way point of the year, but for some of their pitchers they are just now starting to get into their rhythms."

Building

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"The first is a number of gifts and donations we've received as part of our Reach for the 21st Century initiative which totals \$400,000-plus," he said. "The other comes from the \$275,000 we'll receive for playing a football game at San Diego State this fall. About \$250,000 of that will be applied to this project as well."

McDuffie believes the stadium will take an already good Eastern baseball program to a higher plateau.

"A couple of years ago when we went to the NCAA Regional for baseball and beat Arizona and lost to Baylor and Minnesota, I asked coach Schmitz what it would take to get this program to the next level," he said. "He said we needed a new stadium to recruit that extra pitcher or that talented athlete and ever since then, that's what we've been working to do, and bingo! Here we are."

McDuffie also had another reason to be excited Monday as the Board of Trustees approved a plan to replace the old wooden bleachers in Lantz Gym with new ones.

"Those old bleachers were put in in 1964," McDuffie said. "We'll lose

a few seats in the process, but Lantz will look more like an arena."

The new blue bleachers will replace all the existing bleachers except in the upper level of the gym's east side where chairback seating will be installed. He said money for the project is coming from bond revenue funds and concession funds.

McDuffie also said he and his co-workers are very close to finalizing a project to add two video replay boards to Lantz.

"We're in the middle of a project to put in two video replay boards and we're hoping to have that finalized this month," he said.

"The video replays will be funded by an external corporate partnership which we are working hard and fast on every day to complete."

The timing of the improvements to Lantz this offseason couldn't have better timing as they follow the Panthers' best men's basketball season in the past 20 years.

"It's all falling together at the right time," he said.

"The renovations to the facility go well with following a championship season.

"We hope to have big crowds at the beginning of next year," McDuffie said. "And we hope they'll enjoy coming to what will be a facility with a new look."

Samuels

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McDuffie said the contract serves as a reward for Samuels' outstanding work this season as well as ensuring recruits that the 21-year head coach will be around for the next few seasons. In fact, Samuels has never worked under anything more than a one-year contract in those 21 years, but that will now change.

"This contract affirms the kind of work he has done with graduating athletes, following rules, keeping in compliance, staying

out of trouble as well as his team's performance which was the best in recent history," McDuffie said.

McDuffie said all of the university's coaches were previously on one-year contracts and Samuels will be the first of them to sign a multi-year deal. McDuffie expected Surles to offer Samuels the contract within a couple of weeks. He then said he was hopeful Samuels would sign the three-year contract. McDuffie said the terms of the contract would not be disclosed until the fall after the university finishes an evaluation process, which is used to determine salaries for all coaches.

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Samuels to sign three-year deal?

Surles authorized by BOT to offer long-term contract

Bill Ruthhart
Sports editor

Eastern's Board of Trustees authorized President Carol Surles to offer Panther head basketball coach Rick Samuels a three-year contract, effective July 1.

"The recommendation of the board was an affirmation of the university's appreciation for the type of men's basketball program that Rick Samuels has conducted," said Rich McDuffie, Eastern's director of athletics.

Samuels coached the Panthers to the NCAA Midwest Regional after winning the Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship. The veteran head coach was voted runner-up for the OVC "Coach of the Year" for the second consecutive year and was named Illinois' NCAA Division I "Coach of the Year" by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.



Rick Samuels

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Let the building begin

BOT approves proposal for construction of new baseball stadium

By Bill Ruthhart
Sports editor

The athletic department can finally move forward with the construction of a new baseball stadium after the Board of Trustees voted to approve the proposal for the \$600,000-plus structure.

The board approved the \$662,537 general construction bid from the Felmley-Dickerson Company out of Urbana and the \$27,097 electrical bid from Anderson Electric from Mattoon.

"We're very, very happy the board approved the bids and that we can finally move forward with the construction of this stadium," said Rich McDuffie, Eastern's Director of Athletics. "We're glad the board went ahead and approved it because the next time they would meet would have been in June and that would have affected our construction schedule."

The board also approved a 10 percent contingency of \$68,964 to run the approved total cost to \$758,598.

"The contingency covers any unexpected events that could take place during construction," McDuffie said. "That would apply if once we start digging we'd



Courtesy of Sports Information

An artist's rendition of the new Coaches' Stadium at Monier Field. The Board of Trustees approved the construction of the stadium Monday. Construction is slated to begin June 1.

find a problem with the foundation, a wiring problem or some other unforeseen problem we might encounter during construction."

McDuffie said the construction of what will be Coaches' Stadium at Monier Field, will begin in June and take approximately five months. The stadium will feature between 550 and 600 chairback seats as well as a brand new state-of-the-art press-

box.

He also pointed out that funding for the stadium came drawn from two areas, neither being student fees.

"There were no student fees and no appropriated dollars used to fund this," McDuffie said. "The money came from two basic sources."

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Tennis teams ready for stretch run



Bill Ruthhart/Staff photographer

Panther tennis player Kyle White returns a shot in a match earlier this season. Eastern takes on ONU today at home.

Men's tennis team to take on Olivet Nazarene University today

By Kristin Rojek
Associate sports editor

Olivet Nazarene University will visit the men's tennis team today for their final match of the regular season before the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament this weekend.

While Olivet will not provide the kind of competition the Panthers have faced in the league recently, it will give Eastern one more opportunity to compete on the courts before Friday.

"Really, tomorrow's match is just a way

to get our intensity cranked up for conference," head coach Michael Hunt said. "Unless anything dramatic happens, we'll win."

"It's a match that allows us to play at a more intense level than a practice would."

While Eastern hasn't seen competition since it battled Western Wednesday, the team has used the time off to heal injuries and battle illnesses.

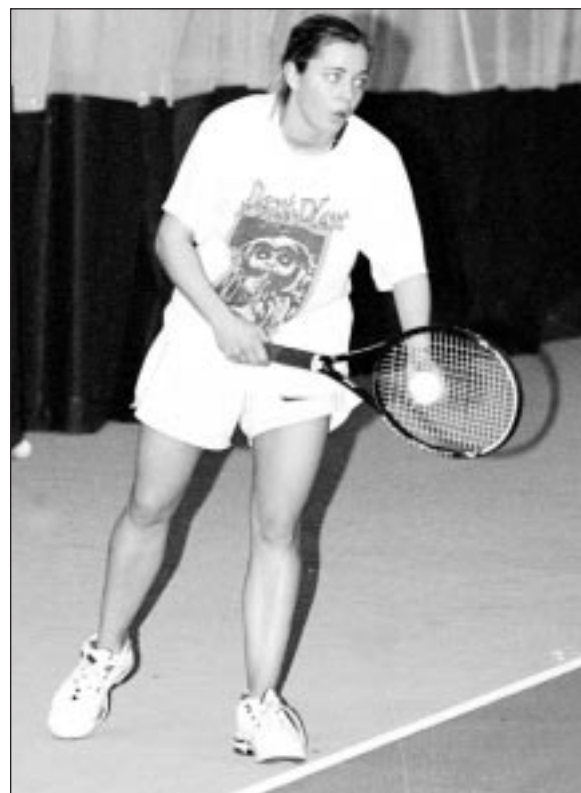
"We're looking pretty good," Hunt said. "The team had a few days off because of illness and injuries and right now is just a time needed for studies. Our guys are healthy

now."

While the men have accumulated an overall 10-7 record, Eastern will have the opportunity to improve its confidence and momentum before the tournament this weekend.

"I don't know a whole lot about (Olivet) other than that they lost to Saint Francis 8-1 and we didn't lose a match to Saint Francis," Hunt said. "They have a player at No. 1, Mitch Haas, who was a Mid-Illinois player, but they don't have a whole lot after Mitch."

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Kate Mitchell/Assoc. Photo editor

A member of Eastern's women's team prepares to serve at practice earlier this season.

Women host Valparaiso

By Kristin Rojek
Associate sports editor

The women's tennis team hosts Valparaiso today in its final match of the regular season before traveling to Nashville for the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Friday.

Eastern suffered a 4-3 defeat to Murray State Saturday in its final conference match of the season, dropping its overall conference record to 2-4.

"It was a good match for us," head coach Michael Hunt said. "We played very well against a team that is tied for first in the conference. It did a lot for our confidence to have a chance to beat them."

With an overall record of 12-11, a win over Valparaiso today would guarantee a winning season for the team.

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